

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 91

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dewayne Oldham on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dewayne Oldham, the longest serving principal in the history of Westmoreland High School, is one such estimable educator who evinces the greatest probity and excellence in all of his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, after more than thirty-six years as a teacher and principal, Mr. Oldham will soon be taking a much deserved retirement, having been a positive influence on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, originally from Kentucky, Mr. Oldham moved to the great State of Tennessee and Sumner County in 1972 to be joined in holy matrimony with his beloved wife, Shelia; and

WHEREAS, he attended Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro where he earned his education specialist degree in education leadership; and

WHEREAS, believing deeply in his mission of educating, empowering, and encouraging all students to achieve their maximum potential, Mr. Oldham began his illustrious career in education as a history teacher at Westmoreland High School in 1976; and

WHEREAS, after serving with acumen and alacrity as the assistant principal at both Westmoreland High School and Gallatin Junior High School, Dewayne Oldham became the principal of Westmoreland High School, where he has worked assiduously to motivate the students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens, ever since; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure at Westmoreland, this innovative and inspiring leader propelled the school's curriculum to new heights, launching ground-breaking courses and creating and expanding academic and vocational programs to more effectively teach vital concepts in math, language, the arts, and science; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Oldham exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dewayne Oldham has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his faculty, staff, students, and the community at large; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dewayne Oldham our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.